

PILOT'S FATHER HOPES**Says He 'Can't Give Up' on
Son Downed by Russians**

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NORTON, Va., May 6 — "I
can't give up hope."

These were the words today
of the father of Francis G.
Powers, 30-year-old test pilot
believed shot down in a weather
research plane over the Soviet
Union last Sunday. Oliver W.
Powers, 55, sought to hold back
tears and said:

"I know there isn't much
hope, but I have to hold on to
some. In the ten years he has
been flying, most of it has been
alone. Only a few times has
there been anybody else in his
plane."

The family learned of the
pilot's disappearance for a rep-
resentative of Lockheed, who
visited their home at Mill Creek,
ten miles from Norton near the
Kentucky line.

"The boy's mother is taking
this pretty hard," Mr. Powers
said. She has been sick four
years. She heard all about this
on the radio. We couldn't keep
it from here." A daughter said
Mrs. Powers was suffering from
a heart ailment. The family saw
the pilot last in November.